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**DATE:** February 25, 2009

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
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**SUBJECT:** FW: California Firm Recalls Chicken Bouillon Products Imported From an Unapproved Source

**Suggested Action:** Class II Recall; Chicken Bouillon Products; Information provided in case of consumer: inquiry.  
From the information provided by USDA, the recalled products were distributed in the neighboring State of Illinois and not in Indiana. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

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## California Firm Recalls Chicken Bouillon Products Imported From an Unapproved Source

Recall Release  
FSIS-RC-006-2009

**CLASS II RECALL**  
**HEALTH RISK: LOW**

Congressional and Public Affairs  
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**WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 2009** - Wei-Chuan USA, Inc., a Bell Gardens, Calif., establishment, is recalling approximately 89,531 pounds of granulated chicken bouillon products that were ineligible for import to the U.S., the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

FSIS is recalling these products because the chicken bouillon does not meet poultry products inspection or poultry exemption requirements. Specifically, it could not be determined that the poultry ingredients used in the bouillon products were prepared under inspection as required by federal regulations or under a foreign inspection system determined to be equivalent. The poultry ingredient is determined to be ineligible when the source of the ingredients cannot be determined.

The problem was discovered after Customs and Border Protection notified FSIS of the ineligible imported products which originated from an unapproved source. The granulated chicken bouillon products were distributed to retail establishments in California, Illinois, New Jersey, Texas and Washington. FSIS has received no reports of illness as a result of consuming this product.

The products subject to recall include: [\[View Labels\]](#)

- 1-pound cans of "WEI-CHUAN Granulated Chicken Bouillon."
- 2.2-pound cans of "WEI-CHUAN Granulated Chicken Bouillon."
- 5-pound plastic pouches of "WEI-CHUAN Granulated Chicken Bouillon."

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Mike Grasso at (571) 239-4511.

FSIS works with other federal agencies to ensure the safety of imported meat, poultry and processed egg products. The [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) issues import permits based on animal health considerations, specific to a country or region. [Customs and Border Protection](#) provides oversight of all products entering the United States.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](#). The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

#### **Food Safety Questions? Ask Karen!**

FSIS' automated response system can provide food safety information 24/7

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Product Labels





#### USDA Recall Classifications

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| <b>Class I</b>   | This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death. |
| <b>Class II</b>  | This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.                               |
| <b>Class III</b> | This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.  |